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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 21 **An Act to Limit the Number of Bills That May Be Filed by a** ONTP
Legislator

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIBBY JL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill limits the number of bills that a Legislator may sponsor during each legislative session to 10 but allows an exception for the number of bills that may be submitted by the Governor and the Executive Department.

LD 35 **An Act to Reduce the Meal Allowance for Legislators from** ONTP
\$32 to \$16

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JONES S	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the meal allowance for Legislators from \$32 to \$16.

LD 40 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of** DIED BETWEEN
Maine to Reduce the Size of the Maine Legislature to BODIES
99 Members in the House and 33 Members in the Senate

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUCK	ONTP MAJ	
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The redistricting will be done by the 117th Legislature and the reduction in the size of the bodies takes effect for the 118th Legislature. The resolution also requires redistricting again in 2003 and every 10 years thereafter so that the redistricting is more closely aligned with the federal census figures.

LD 79 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of** ONTP
Maine to Require the Popular Election of the Secretary
of State

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	OTP-AM MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment to provide for direct popular election and for filling a vacancy in the office of the Secretary of State in the manner currently provided for the office of Governor.